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SUBJECT: US CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL DISPLAY

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1) DEPT. HAS BEEN MAKING NUMEROUS INQUIRIES IN D.C. AREA IN EFFORT TO LOCATE SUITABLE ITEM FOR CONTRIBUTION TO PERMANENT DISPLAY IN ENTRANCE HALL TO NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FRIENDSHIP HALL. IN EVERY CASE WE HAVE FOUND THAT REGULATIONS DO NOT PERMIT DONATION OF ARTIFACTS FOR PURPOSE STATED IN REFTEL (A). WE HAVE HOWEVER HAD HOPEFUL CONVERSATION WITH BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WHICH THINKS IT CAN BE HELPFUL. DEPT. OFFICER WILL SHORTLY BE VISITING BIA TO SELECT SUITABLE ITEM FROM AMONG POSSIBILITIES THEY WILL PRESENT. BIA WILL THEN DEFINITELY ASCERTAIN WHETHER ITEM CAN BE DONATED TO SUDANESE.

2) ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT SEEN MATERIAL AT BIA, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO SELECT SOMETHING EYE CATCHING LIKE A NAVAHO RUG, A PAINTING, OR A SCULPTURE. IF EMBASSY HAS ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING TYPE OF INDIAN ARTIFACTS WHICH MIGHT BE SUITABLE, PLEASE INFORM DEPT. ASAP. ROBINSON

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